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In re Application of

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For: METHOD OF TONE REPRODUCTION WITH HALFTONE DOTS, APPARATUS FOR OUTPUTTING HALFTONE PLATE, HALFTONE PLATE, AND PRINTED MATERIAL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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